

## **CBD Instructions for FTP Data Transmissions to Value-Added Providers**

### **I. General Information:**

GPO will redistribute the SGML formatted daily CBD publication to VAPs using an automated script which employs a simultaneous File Transfer Protocol (FTP) session before noon each day the CBD is published to all participating VAPs. The data that will be transmitted from GPO to you will match the issue for that day. In addition, you will be provided a DTD specification of the SGML data being transmitted, so you can reprocess and add value to the data.

### **II. VAPS Preliminary Requirements:**

#### **A. Username and Password**

You must provide GPO with an IP address, user name and password of an Internet accessible FTP server which will accept each day's transmission. To report your user name and password, as well as the appropriate path, call or email Robert Frierson, Supervisor, User Support at:

**Telephone: 1-202-512-1003**

**Email: rfriersn@gpo.gov**

#### **B. Retransmissions**

1. Subscribers are responsible to maintain adequate free disk space to receive the daily data transmission. Failure to do so may result in delays of the daily transmission.
2. Override capability must be given to GPO to delete and resend data if there is a need for a retransmission OR you will have to make provisions in your FTP procedures to remove the data as soon as it is received.

*\*\* If possible, it is a good idea to assign a dedicated drive just for GPO transmissions, especially if your drive does not have a large amount of available free space.*

#### **C. Technical Contact**

VAPs must provide GPO with the names, telephone numbers and email addresses of two technical contact persons in your organization.

## **D. Transmission Charges**

GPO's charge to organizations for each FTP transfer of one issue of the CBD is \$40. The cost for an annual or bi-annual subscription is \$10,000 and \$5,000 respectively.

## **III. File Information:**

A. The file name of the transmitted SGML file sent to you via FTP, will be sent to you in the following format:

**CBDddmmyy.DAT**

B. The Document Type Definition (DTD) will be sent to you daily in the following format.

**cbd.dtd**

C. After the FTP transmission of data has been successful, (both the SGML file and the DTD have been sent) you will be sent a file called **cbd.done**. This file will contains the following message.

*The CBD for mmdyy has been sent to your system. This completes the CDB transmission for today.*

## **IV. GPO Contacts:**

If you encounter difficulties concerning the FTP transmission of data, contact the GPO Access User Support Team for immediate assistance via:

**Telephone: Toll Free 1-888-293-6498**

**Email: [cbd-support@gpo.gov](mailto:cbd-support@gpo.gov)**

**Fax: 1-202-512-1262**